# Panther Creek

### **Sustainability Features**

#### **Operational**

Panther Creek keeps waste out of the landfill and supports the local recycling program by collecting aluminum and plastic at various locations throughout the park and paper in the park office. They also save money and resources by replacing fixtures as they break with energy efficient technology.

### **Community Involvement**

The Friends of Panther Creek sponsor an annual food tree during the holidays. Donors bring non-perishable food items to the park office to decorate the "tree" and help feed local families.



### **Moving Forward**

### **Campground Upgrades**

Campground renovations are in process.
Following the facility upgrades, the Panther
Creek will seek Camp Right designation from
TVA. This program seeks to promote
sustainable campgrounds with safe with safe,
high quality camping experiences while
conserving the natural resources of the
Tennessee Valley. Sustainable elements include
stormwater management, water and energy
conservation features, protecting and planting
native species, as well as public outreach.

### Did you know?

Legend has it that both Panther Creek and Panther Springs received their names from the claim of a Colonel Bradley of Virginia that he shot a panther that fell into the spring.

## **Park Highlights**

- Located in Hamblen County
- Visited by over 650,000 people in 2011
- Over 7 miles of trails in park
- Trails for horseback riding

